

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended and claim 21 is added. Support for the Amendment is found for example on page 55 lines 22-23. No new matter is presented. Accordingly, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-21 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. PTO/SB/08 Form

Applicants note that the Examiner has not returned an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 Form submitted with the IDS filed on October 26, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that an initialed copy be returned with the next response.

II. Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph as allegedly not being enabled by the specification for a binder polymer having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000 or more.

Claim 1 is amended herein to recite a binder polymer having a molecular weight of from 5,000 to 500,000, as supported by the present specification on page 55 at line 22, thereby obviating the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

III. New Claim

New claim 21 is directed to a binder polymer having a molecular weight of from 10,000 to 200,000 as supported by the specification at page 55, lines 22 to 23. Claim 21 depends from claim 1 and is distinguished over the art of record for at least the same reasons.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

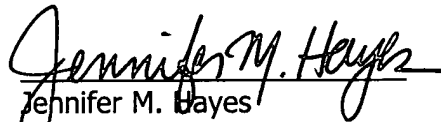
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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